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- 1. FOLLOWING FROM WHEELOCK, DOHA, IN RESPONSE REFTELY:
- 2. SITUATION IN DOHA IS COMPLETELY CALM AND NORMAL. GOQ HAS IMPOSED VERY TIGHT SECURITY. AS LONG AS EMBASSY IS OFFICIALLY WELCOME, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN IS ADMITTED, THERE SHOULD BE MINIMUM OF DANGER TO THEM FROM MOBS, ANTI-US ELEMENTS, ETC.
- 3. EMBASSY DOES NOT ROT NOT ANTICIPATE NEED FOR EVACUATION UNLESS SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH USG, BRINGING PRESSURE ON G

Q#TO TAKE SOME ACTION. IF CHARGE FORCED EVACUATE,
OTHER AMCITS WOULD BE RELATIVELY SAFE IF THEY REMAINED SINCE
THEY PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN WORK ON PROJECTSOF VITAL IMPORTANCE
TO R#

Q. AMERICANS DO NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE AND VISIBLE SEGMENT OF WESTERN COMMUNITY IN DOHA.

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A) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR USG TO MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WARNING AMCITS AGAINST TRAVEL TO QATAR. THOSE WHO PLAN VISIT ARE NORMALLY EXPEREINCED ME HANDS WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SOUND DECISION BASED ON CURRENT

SITUATION.

B) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE PRIVATE AMCITS SHOULD BE WARNED TO LEAVE. TOURISTS ARE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN DOHA, AND REMAINING FEW BUSINESS VISITORS ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AND SITUATION.

C) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE EVEN LIMITED EVACUATION WARRANTED. IF EVACUATION SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY, BELIEVE ALL EVACUEES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED ON SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS.

5. CURRENT ESTIMATE TOTAL PRIVATE AMCITS WHO WOULD REQUEST EVACUATION AT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY; TOTAL NUMBER TOURISTS ZERO TO FIVE.

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